

American people for this safety net. The American people were there for me and my family when we needed it most. We need to be there for people who need it most now.

Every year, several Members take part in the Food Stamp Challenge. You eat for 1 week on average food stamp benefits, which is \$1.50 per meal. Every Member should join us in the food stamp challenge this year, especially Members who want to cut food stamps. You need to know what it means to be hungry.

We simply cannot cut \$16 billion in critical SNAP benefits. Food stamps not only feed hungry children, seniors, and veterans, but also promote real growth and create jobs. It makes no economic sense and no moral sense to cut \$16 billion from the food stamp program.

We should reject these heartless cuts on the poor and get back to creating the jobs and opportunities for everyone. People would rather have a job instead of food stamps to feed their family, but until Republicans support efforts to create jobs, we have a moral responsibility and a duty to make sure that at least people eat.

It's hard to believe, in 2012, we are debating feeding people.

#### CONDEMNING THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN FOR ITS PERSECUTION OF PASTOR YUCEF NADHARKANI

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, a few weeks ago, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee passed a resolution condemning the government of Iran for its continued persecution of Pastor Youcef Nadharkani.

Pastor Youcef sits in prison for the crime of practicing his faith and wishing to raise his two young boys in that faith. His crime was to go to his sons' school and ask that they not be subjected to Islamic indoctrination. For that, he was taken directly to a tribunal and sentenced to death by hanging.

Despite years of imprisonment, his faith has held up under intense interrogation and torture. And now the government has extended its campaign of terror to Pastor Youcef's lawyer. Muhammed Ali Dadkhah has been disbarred and sentenced to 9 years imprisonment for representing the pastor. He's been pressured to confess to crimes he did not commit.

The government of Iran has no respect for human rights, or even for their own written laws. I'm glad to see my Senate colleagues stand up for Pastor Youcef. The world needs to know what is happening here.

I urge the government of Iran to return this father to his wife and his two sons.

#### SUPPORTING CATHOLIC SISTERS

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise to express my support for House Resolution 689, a resolution introduced by my colleague, ROSA DELAURO, honoring Catholic Sisters for their tremendous contributions to our country.

Catholic Sisters have long been responsible for providing care to the neediest, most marginalized people in our society. Whether they're feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, educating our students, healing the sick, or fighting for a cleaner environment, the Catholic Sisters have touched millions of lives across the country and around the world.

Madam Speaker, Catholic hospitals call themselves dignity hospitals in my district, and they play a key role in providing health services, and those institutions all rely on the tireless support of Catholic Sisters.

I want to pay special tribute to one of them, my constituent, Sister Janet Corcoran, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis who works at Marian Medical Center in Santa Maria, California. She's a pillar of our community, tirelessly advocating everywhere she goes on behalf of better health care, education, social justice, peace, and environmental protection.

Reinforced by a deep faith in God, she and other Catholic Sisters on the Central Coast, and throughout the country demonstrate an unwavering commitment to the common good day in and day out. We have much to thank them for, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important resolution.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 103RD BIRTHDAY OF CLEONE HODGES

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Cleone Hodges of Boone on the occasion of her 103rd birthday.

A teaching position in Appalachian State University's Health Sciences department brought Ms. Hodges to Boone in 1938. Immediately, she was active in our community, serving 23 years as secretary for the parks department, teaching Sunday school at the First Baptist Church, and becoming active in community garden clubs.

A scholarship in her name exists to support the work of students in her former department.

Ms. Hodges' natural athletic talent helped her take the golf world by storm following retirement. On top of numerous regional wins, Hodges won three gold and two silver medals in national senior golf competitions. She scored the third of her career holes in one at the age of 93.

Ms. Hodges, a 2005 inductee to the Watauga County Sports Hall of Fame, is a mother to her son, J.B., a grandmother to two, and a great-grandmother to three.

With the rest of the Boone community, I wish her the happiest of birthdays and hope for many, many more.

#### EXPEDITING TRAFFIC AT THE PEACE BRIDGE

(Mr. HIGGINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, the Peace Bridge is the second-busiest crossing at the U.S.-Canada border. Expediting traffic at the bridge is essential to the economic future of western New York.

The historic Beyond the Border agreement between the United States and Canada raises the possibility of pre-inspecting much of the U.S.-bound cargo traffic on the Canadian side of the border crossing. I have repeatedly advocated that the Department of Homeland Security initiate a pilot program for commercial pre-inspection at the Peace Bridge. Last week, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo added his strong support for this proposal.

What Governor Cuomo understands, Madam Speaker, is that the pre-inspection at the Peace Bridge would go a long way toward improving congestion at the bridge and, thereby, further integrating the western New York economy with that of southern Ontario. The success of the western New York economy is undoubtedly tied to predictable, reliable access into and out of Canada. Let's take the steps necessary to open up this bottleneck.

#### BIPARTISAN HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. YODER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YODER. Madam Speaker, like many of my colleagues, my top priority continues to be job creation in our country. That's why I was so heartbroken with the recent health care decision by the United States Supreme Court. No matter what we think about the impact this law will have on the prevalence of health care in our country, it is not good for small businesses, and it is devastating for job creation.

This law creates massive amounts of uncertainty, raises taxes and huge administrative burdens, and places significant new mandates on entrepreneurs and small businesses. Not a recipe for economic recovery.

That's why I stand today in support of a repeal of this massive burden on our economy. We need health care reform in this country, no doubt, and I stand ready to work with Members of both parties on a fresh start, a truly bipartisan bill that will actually reduce the cost of care, not simply shift the burden.

So let's work together on common-sense reforms. Let's repeal this act, let's give relief to small businesses, and let's get our economy going again.

#### LET'S NOT PLAY POLITICS WITH THE PATIENT PROTECTION AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

(Ms. HANABUSA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HANABUSA. Madam Speaker, on June 28 the United States Supreme Court ruled that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was constitutional. It is now the law of the land, thanks in most part to Republican-appointed Chief Justice Roberts.

Tomorrow, this House is expected to vote on the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. Vote again—remember H.R. 2 on January 19 and now H.R. 6079. It is, unfortunately, expected that, due to the Republican vote, that it will be repealed again.

How sad, Madam Speaker. How can you face the seniors, the students, the women and children and small businesses with this level of uncertainty by trying to repeal it again? They are the primary beneficiaries.

Can you explain why? Can you especially explain how this is going to add to the deficit? The CBO says so. \$100 billion in 10 years, and \$1 trillion in 20 years.

Madam Speaker, let's not play politics with one of the most important pieces of legislation that we have passed.

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#### REPEALING HEALTH CARE REFORMS WITH REPUBLICAN DEATH PANELS

(Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I have 1 minute, so I'll have to go fast. Here are the top 10 reforms the Republicans want to repeal with their death panels tomorrow:

Discounts on prescription drugs, saving seniors \$600 a year; parents offering health care coverage to their children up to age 26; lower premiums as a result of the health care exchanges; protections from bankruptcy in the event of a catastrophic illness; free preventative screening and wellness visits every year; reforms strengthening Medicare Advantage, resulting in a 7 percent drop in premiums for the first time ever and a 10 percent increase in enrollment; \$151 in average rebates this year alone from insurance companies to consumers all over the country; protections from having coverage rescinded arbitrarily by insurance bureaucrats; tax credits for small businesses to help defray the costs of offering coverage to their employees; and, finally, guaranteed medical coverage even if you, in

America, discover you have a pre-existing condition.

Ladies and gentlemen, let us not repeal these reforms with Republican death panels.

#### GOP REPEAL OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

(Mr. YARMUTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, today the House will consider a repeal of the Affordable Care Act for the 31st time. We will spend at least 6 hours debating this, but not 1 minute considering a Republican replacement. That's because there isn't one.

The American people are now experiencing the benefits of the law: allowing young people to stay on their parents' policies until the young people are 26; requiring insurance companies to cover children regardless of preexisting conditions. The Republican leadership had the choice to include those provisions and others in this bill. Yet, once again, they are choosing to deny care to millions of Americans instead.

With this bill, the Republicans are choosing to cut young people off of their parents' coverage. They are choosing to end the guaranteed coverage for children with juvenile diabetes, autism, asthma, and other illnesses. They are choosing to raise prescription drug costs for seniors, and they are choosing to allow insurance companies to charge women more for the same policies as men.

Madam Speaker, I invite any Republican in this body to come to the floor and to explain to my constituents and theirs why they've made the choice to repeal all of these patient protections while offering the American people nothing in return.

#### INDIAN HEALTH CARE

(Mr. GRIJALVA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, the middle class and men and women looking for work in this country are asking: Where are the jobs?

The Republican majority in the House will be responding, once again, by voting to take away health coverage to struggling Americans. For instance, instead of bringing a jobs bill or a fair taxation bill up to the floor, we will be taking away health care from a very significant and important group of Americans—the first Americans—the American Indians.

By upholding health reform, the Supreme Court decision affirmed that the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act was also part of the decision. The National Congress of American Indians responded by stating:

This is an important step for health care in Indian Country. The permanence of the In-

dian Health Care Improvement Act has been affirmed.

The Affordable Care Act permanently authorizes the daily health care delivery to nearly 2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who are in critical need of improved health care and services to their communities. There will be critical updates and modernizations, expanded cancer screenings, long-term care, hospice care, and care for the elderly and the disabled.

The passage of health care reform represented a 14-year struggle by tribal leaders to make permanent a legislative commitment by the Federal Government that had not been upheld. It is wrong for the Republicans to take this promise away from Indian Country and from the first Americans of this country. Americans want a jobs plan, not their health care taken away.

#### POLITICAL THEATER AT ITS WORST

(Mr. ELLISON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, we could spend 5 hours today and tomorrow talking about jobs, and we could consider a jobs plan that the President offered before this very body; but we won't because we have to go repeal health care again for the 31st time. You would have thought the 17th time would be good or maybe the ninth time or the 29th time. With the 31st time, it's like they're going for a record or something. Of course, the Senate is not going to take this up.

This is political theater at its worst because Americans are out of work, and this body isn't doing anything about it. Everyone here knows that the President can't just whip up a jobs bill out of thin air. Congress has to pass it, but Congress won't pass it because they're busy doing political stunts—and that is a shame.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 75, nays 318, answered “present” 1, not voting 37, as follows:

[Roll No. 455]

YEAS—75

Andrews	Carson (IN)	Davis (CA)
Barber	Chu	Davis (IL)
Bass (CA)	Clarke (NY)	DeLauro
Bishop (GA)	Clay	Dicks
Brady (PA)	Cleaver	Edwards
Braley (IA)	Crowley	Ellison
Brown (FL)	Cuellar	Engel
Capps	Cummings	Farr